



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

Franklin County Children Services Executive Director Eric Fenner

Eric Fenner grew up in inner city Washington, D.C. as the oldest of four children, where he attended Roosevelt High School. He was the first in his family to go to college, when basketball led him to a junior college in southeastern Kentucky, and then to Ohio Dominican University, where he completed his undergraduate degree in social work in 1978. Later, he earned his master's degree in public administration from Ohio University.



Eric began his career at Franklin County Children Services while in college as a part-time case aide in the Intake Department, where he was later hired full time to investigate child abuse and neglect allegations. He was promoted through the ranks of child welfare caseworker at Children Services, and then to group services coordinator, before leaving the agency after 11 years for the position of Director of Staff Development for the Franklin County Department of Human Services. Eric was promoted to Deputy Director at Human Services, then became Assistant Court Director of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, and later, Associate State Director of Ohio Youth Advocate Program. Eric rejoined Franklin County Children Services in 2001 as the Director of Employee Relations, earning promotions to Director of Program and Placement Services, then Deputy Executive Director by 2004. He was selected to replace retiring John Saros, as the new Executive Director of Franklin County Children Services in December of 2006, and assumed his duties on February 1, 2007.

Eric serves on numerous community boards, committees and task forces. He is married and lives in Westerville with his wife and daughter. He also has two grown sons.

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